Subject: Lincoln Tunnel opening medal

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Port of New york Authority,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

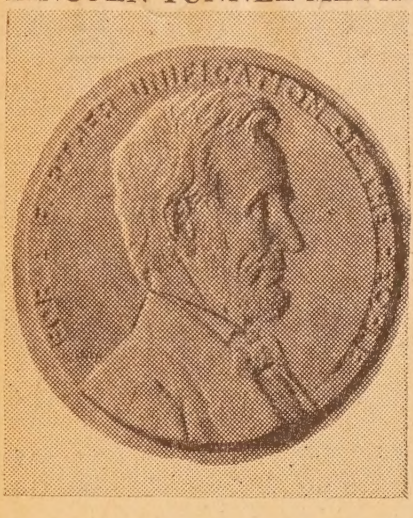
We note that you are shortly issuing a new medal on the opening of the Lincoln Tunnel. We would be much pleased if you could send us two of these medals. You have sent us specimens of your previous medals.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

LINCOLN TUNNEL MEDAL



The two sides of the design

MEDAL IS DESIGNED FOR TUNNEL OPENING

Bronze Commemorating Lincoln Tube to Weehawken Will Be Presented at Dedication

A souvenir bronze medal has been executed by Julio Kilenyi, sculptor, in connection with the opening of the Lincoln Tunnel between West Thirty-ninth Street and Weehawken, N. J., and will be presented to guests at the dedication exercises Dec. 21, it was announced yesterday by the Port of New York Authority.

The medal bears the head of Abraham Lincoln, around which is the inscription "For a Further Unification of the People"—the inscription referring to the importance of the new interstate crossing. The reverse side shows the westerly entrance to the tunnel, with the Hudson River and the skyline of midtown Manhattan in the background.

J. E. Ramsey, general manager of the Authority, said the body had commissioned Mr. Kilenyi to execute the medal because of his wide experience in the medallic field, and added:

"It will be recalled that he executed the medals for the George Washington Bridge and the Bayonne Bridge, both of which received praise from the numismatic world and the general public. We believe, however, that the medal for the Lincoln Tunnel surpasses all others."

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November 27, 1937.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of November 22, 1937, requesting a Lincoln Tunnel medal which was designed by Julio Kilenyi for the dedication of the new tunnel, which will take place on Tuesday, December 21, 1937.

Although our supply is extremely limited I shall be glad to send you two of the medals when they are officially distributed, which will be about the time of the dedication.

Very truly yours,

General Manager